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## Warrandyte High School

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I have great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr Joseph Caruana as our Acting Assistant Principal for the rest of 2015. Joseph was the successful applicant for the position which was advertised across the North Eastern Victoria Region of the Department of Education. Later this year the substantive position will be advertised state-wide. Mr Caruana comes to us with a broad range of educational knowledge and leadership skills having held Leading Teacher positions in two large secondary colleges in the north eastern suburbs of Melbourne. He is very personable and will be a great addition to the leadership team at Warrandyte High School. Mr Caruana will commence at Warrandyte high School on Monday 10 August.

On Wednesday morning, eighty students and nine staff returned from our inaugural combined Music and Writers Camp. Clearly quite tired, but nonetheless enthused by what they had achieved and by what lay ahead, the students and

staff began final rehearsals and preparation for the celebratory concert that would be held that night. And what a concert it was! Poetry, percussion, brass, woodwind, piano, guitar and voice combined and performed solo for an enthralled audience. The energy and enthusiasm was palpable and combined with the quality of the performances reflected the hard work of our students and the expert instruction provided by our music teachers. A special mention must go to Barry Carozzi who has taken on the role of leading the instrumental music program this year and has done an exceptional job in this role. The joy in the eyes of students and staff, not to mention the audience, at the end of the night was testament to this. Barry also was part of the performance on the night and his humour and skill on his instrument of choice, the ukulele, was without question one of the night's highlights.

**Dr Stephen Parkin**  
Principal

From the Principal

## Diary Dates

AUGUST

- Friday 7 August**  
Year 12 Biology Excursion
- Friday 7 August**  
Senior Girls Netball
- Friday 7 August**  
Year 7 Girls Soccer
- Saturday 8 August**  
GVBR Training Ride
- Tuesday 11 August**  
Magistrates Court Visit
- Tuesday 11 August**  
Year 10 AFL Umpiring Course
- Wednesday 12 August**  
Poetry Competition
- Thursday 13 August**  
Year 7 & 9 Injections
- Thursday 13 August**  
RESPECT Program
- Friday 14 August**  
Stiggant House Day
- Friday 14 August**  
Warrandyte Primary School Visit
- Tuesday 18 August**  
Year 10 AFL Umpiring Course
- Thursday 27 August**  
The Addams Family Performance 1, 6.30pm
- Friday 28 August**  
The Addams Family Performance 2, 7.30pm
- Saturday 29 August**  
The Addams Family Performance 3, 1.30pm
- Saturday 29 August**  
The Addams Family Performance 4, 7.30pm



**Purchase your Tickets Online Now via our website front page [www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au)**

**Performances are**  
Thursday 27 August early show at 6.30pm,  
Friday 28 August show starting at 7.30pm &  
Saturday 29 August matinee 1.30pm & 7.30pm shows.

**Tickets costs are**  
Primary school age students \$12.00  
Concession \$18.00  
Adult ticket \$23.00  
Family (2 adults & 2 children) \$68.00

**Principal:** Dr Stephen Parkin  
**Assistant Principal:** Joseph Caruana  
**School Captains:**  
Jessie Thomas-Connor, Hugh Prescott

### Parent Opinion Survey

Parents who have been randomly selected to complete our Parent Opinion Survey will know who they are by now and hopefully have filled in the survey and returned it to the school. If not, please do so as this survey is run annually by the Department of Education and provides parents with the opportunity to give us at Warrandyte High School valuable feedback regarding systems and programs. This data is considered seriously and is valued by the whole school community.

Please take the time to complete it thoroughly as your input is valued.

## Maths Help

Maths help is on again this semester. It runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunch time from 1.10pm – 1.30pm in the library. It is a great opportunity for students to get extra help with any problems that they are having in Maths outside class time.

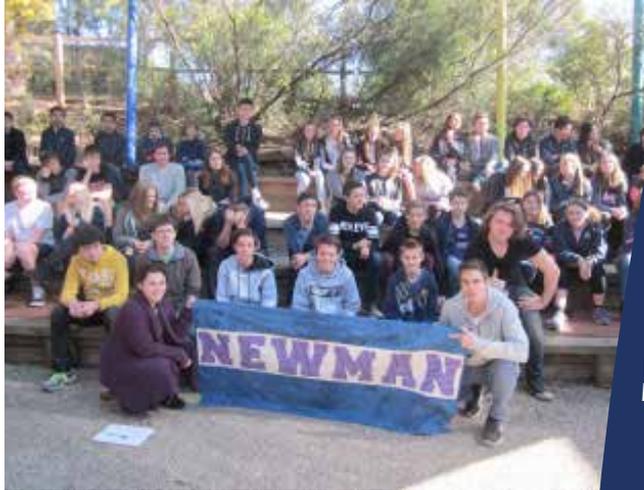
**Steven Griffin**  
Maths Leader

## Newman House Day

What a great day Newman House Day was on Friday. Most of Newman students were wearing the house colour and enjoyed the special lunch purchased from the canteen. After lunch a game of dodge ball was enjoyed in the gym. Well done to Holly Mulder and Mitch Selleck who organized the day.

Now look who is in front on the house tallying – go Newman!

**Helene Butterworth**  
Executive Assistant



FCW now has a new online ordering system which is an easier and speedier way to order a uniform. The link is as follows: [www.fcw.com.au/schools-online-shop/](http://www.fcw.com.au/schools-online-shop/)



## Gravity Forces Warrandyte High School to the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize!

Warrandyte High School Year 10 students Harry Bebbington and Tom Downie will soon be walking the red carpet at the Sydney Town Hall on August 26th to learn whether they will take out the top prize for Australia's "Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize", which is run by the Australian Museum. Around 1,000 people will view their video including judges, "sleek geeks" Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and Adam Spencer. It has just been confirmed that Warrandyte High School is one of the three national finalists for the prestigious science award, with their video "Gravity Sucks." This is a phenomenal effort as hundreds of entries were received from all around Australia.

In the three minute video Harry and Tom explain the four forces in nature and go into depth about how gravity forms planets, stars and galaxies. The video also incorporates significant theories such as Einstein's theory of general relativity and Newton's force law. The video is presented with inventive visuals and sound effects. Both boys deliver a humorous and informative rap rendition, with Einstein and Newton making an appearance. First prize receives \$4,000, second prize is \$2,000 and third prize \$1,000. So the boys have won at least \$1,000 and have an "all expenses" paid trip to Sydney to attend the prestigious Eureka Science Awards.

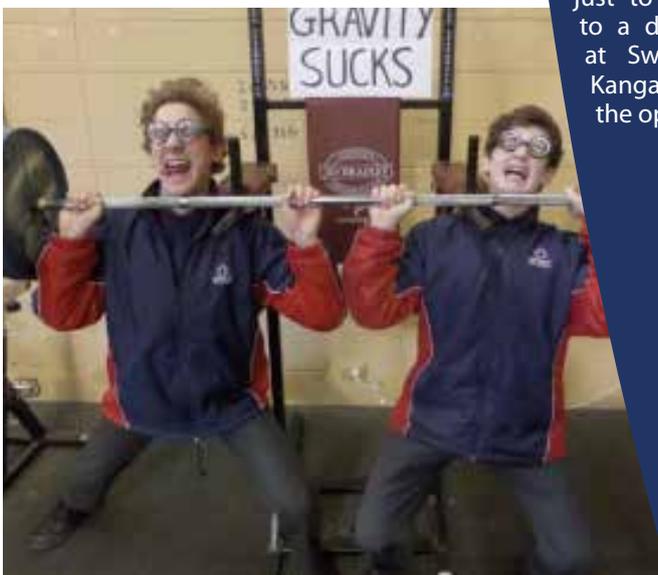
The Eureka Science Awards are like the Academy Awards for Science in Australia. The video section is open to both primary and secondary students who demonstrate a passion for science, as well as educating others about scientific concepts. The videos are judged on originality; their choice of scientific concepts; the quality of science content; the effectiveness of the communication method; the audio

visual quality; adhering to the time limit (3 minutes) and if the video has the special "x-factor". The Warrandyte boys certainly meet all these! Tom and Harry wrote, acted, filmed and edited the video, with the support of former Warrandyte High School science teacher Dave Davies and Multimedia teacher Claire Bloom.

You can view the video by visiting <http://australianmuseum.net.au/2015-sleek-geeks-eureka-prize> and give it a like!

Good luck Tom and Harry!

**Taylor Padfield**  
Year 12 Student



## 2016 Student Diary Cover Competition Is Now Open

Start designing our 2016 student diary cover. How wonderful would it be to have your design on every student diary! Your design may be in the form of any art work or a photo. The only rule is that it must incorporate WHS or Warrandyte High School 2016.

Submit your designs for the cover of the student diary 2016 to Mrs Butterworth in the General Office. The **closing date is 28 August 2015.**

## Inspiring Young Women's Evening

The 'Inspiring Young Women's' Evening was a wonderful experience. We had an opportunity to talk with a range of interesting women and had presentations from three of them. They inspired us to pursue our career dreams and aspirations. Despite adversity and life challenges if you are determined to succeed you can always get somewhere you want to be. It was special that these women gave up their time just to share with us wisdom from their own lives, just to help us. We were treated to a delicious three course meal at Swipers Gully Restaurant in Kangaroo Ground. I'm so Glad I got the opportunity to go.

**Andi Fidock**  
Year 10 Student

## Year 10 Work Experience

This year, I was fortunate enough to have my Year 10 work placement at Nine Dragons horse breaking and pre-training centre. Having the opportunity to work with and around horses who were being trained to become successful racehorses is something I'm still grateful for. The things I saw and learnt whilst living at Nine Dragons for the week opened my eyes to the kinds of careers available in the equine industry that I hadn't been exposed to before.

During my time spent there I completed daily stable chores which included cleaning stalls and water buckets, making and distributing feeds to horses, observing horse breaking, training, veterinary practices, horse shoeing and was even fortunate enough to learn some Chinese. I was not the only student staying at Nine Dragons, six university students from China were also staying at the place for their course. And so, on top of being surrounded by horses for a week, I was also surrounded by a group of fun, young people who taught me and gave me a school work experience I'd never dreamt of having. I highly recommend future Year 10 students to take their work placement at either Nine Dragons or another equine facility. This has definitely been an experience I will never forget

**Elaine Burdett**  
Year 10 Student



## Pierre de Coubertin Award

Warrandyte High School congratulates Luke Killey on being the successful nomination for the 2015 Pierre de Coubertin award. The Pierre de Coubertin Awards are named after the founder of the Modern Olympic Games and take place on an annual basis to recognise senior secondary students who demonstrate attributes consistent with Olympism through participation and commendable behaviour in sporting activities. The award recognises students who demonstrate academic excellence and sporting prowess whilst exemplifying the Olympic values which include demonstrating initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. Luke has been an integral member of many sporting teams at Warrandyte High School including the athletics, football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer and cricket teams. Over the years he has taken on several sporting leadership positions including coaching, running sporting carnivals and being elected as school house sports captain in 2015. Luke is not only a talented athlete but also a great sports person. He participates in all sporting opportunities with integrity, ensures all team mates are involved and inspires others to achieve their potential. Luke was formally acknowledged at the Pierre de Coubertin Awards Ceremony on Sunday 21 June 2015.

As part of his application process Luke had to complete a written response on 'Participation in sport is a core value of the Olympic Games. Share one or more Olympic moment that epitomizes this for you'. Luke's written response demonstrated his understanding of this across both genders and different cultures and the importance of always participating to your best and striving to reach your goals.

The core to any Olympic games is the participation of elite athletes from a vast array of countries. During the London 2012 Games approximately '10,700 athletes from 205 countries were involved. Female athletes from Brunei, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia competed for the first time. With the addition of women's boxing, 2012 was the first Games in which every sport had female competitors'

This achievement clearly emphasizes the core value of participation across both genders. An athlete who epitomized the

importance of participation in these Olympics was Sally Pearson. At the start of the games her coach came out in the media and spoke negatively of her, and soon after he was sent home by Athletics Australia. Sally stayed determined, only focusing on her event and leading the team as captain. She was persistent to keep training to prove him wrong by participating at her best and winning the gold medal. Sally went on to win her heats and as the media called it 'courageously' won the gold medal ultimately proving her coach wrong and setting the example for the rest of the team. This epitomized the Olympic spirit and values. She did not get caught up in the media and stayed focused on what she went there for: to participate and represent her country and ultimately win the gold medal.

Congratulations Luke and thank you for your contribution to the sporting program at Warrandyte High School over the many years. We wish you all the very best with your future sporting endeavours.

## State Cross Country

Congratulations goes to Aaron Closs (Year 12) and Josh Clinton (Year 8) for their fantastic efforts in the state Cross Country that was held on Thursday 16 July at Bundoora Park. Both boys gave 100% in each of their events. Aaron has been a strong participant in cross country since starting at Warrandyte High School reaching either regional or state finals every year. In his final year Aaron came 14th overall (out of 77) and ran a personal best time of 15:15. This was a fantastic effort and a great way for him to finish his school cross country competitions. For Josh this was the first time he has competed in cross country and what a way to start! Reaching the state finals was a fantastic achievement! Josh came 47th (out of 83) running a time of 9:55seconds. We definitely look forward to seeing Josh continue to challenge himself and represent the school at high levels over the coming years. Both boys were a great example of the Warrandyte values and show that with perseverance and hard work you can achieve anything you put your mind to. Well done boys on a fantastic effort!

**Katie Cook**  
PE Leader





Driving for the first time can be intimidating, as 60 of our Humanities students found out on Friday July 17. Although many students had not yet turned 16 or sat for their learner's permit, they legally experienced driving a manual car.

Filled with nervous excitement, there were some quick trips to the toilet before the day's events unfolded. Then it was down to business, driving on the Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre's private eight hectare 'off road' complex, in dual controlled manual cars, with licensed and experienced instructors. The day covered both theoretical and practical content, including such things as road safety, transmission of power, use of pedals, clutch, observation, hazards, car control, laws, gear changing, steering, three point turns, hand brake starts and reversing.

Both the driving and classroom instructors were tremendously impressed with our students' interest, enthusiastic participation and maturity throughout the day.

**A good time was had by all as evidenced by some of the students' comments:**

- I never thought I could drive- especially a manual.
- It's RAINING....MAKE IT STOP!!!
- It was SOoooooo...Much....FUNnnnn!!!
- The Instructors were so GREAT.
- TERRIFYING, but Enjoyable and Rewarding.
- Great Experience, Awesome – Thankyou..
- I've just added some more time towards the required 120hrs.



**HOW HARD CAN IT BE?**

Log on and see "Monty" drive..



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRN\\_L3nTILQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRN_L3nTILQ)

As a follow up to the METEC day, Yr10 Humanities students attended the annual Keys Please forum. This positive and proactive VicRoads session introduced learner drivers to the different driving skills and experiences needed to become responsible and safe licensed drivers – including the importance of forming positive partnerships with their parent or supervising driver, and the need to acquire 120 hours of driving experience in all driving conditions. The question and answer session highlighted the hazards learner drivers encounter while under instruction.

**Parents;** if you're nervous about supervising your learner driver then log onto <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/driver-safety/young-and-new-drivers/lessons-from-the-road> to access the VicRoads online resources. The site features eight videos to help supervising drivers work through the four stages of learning to drive. Each video provides tips and advice on how to supervise your learner driver.

**Christena Gazeas  
Humanities Leader**



**NAPLAN and On Demand Data**

Some of you may have noticed that a new tab has appeared at the top of your child's Compass profile. The 'Analytics' section of Compass is gradually being populated with data that will be helpful for parents to view their child's ongoing progress. Students who sat their NAPLAN at Warrandyte High School from 2010 will have their data available in this section. Testing data generated through the VCAA On Demand adaptive testing have also been included in the Analytics section. The On Demand tests for English and Maths are administered by individual teachers and as a whole year level. The test results presented for the Adaptive test are a simple number that relates to an estimate of the students AusVELS level.

**What are VCAA (Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority) OnDemand Adaptive Tests....???**

- Computer Adaptive Tests deliver sets of questions related to specific literacy and numeracy skills to students that vary according to student ability.
- Depending on the responses given in previous questions, the system presents progressively easier or more difficult questions to the student.
- These tests are designed to provide an estimated AusVELS score for a student. This is reported as a Standard Score based on the difficulty of test items presented to, and answered correctly by, the student.
- The expected AusVELS level are the same as the students current year level Eg. A Year 7 students start at level 7 and works towards level 8 throughout the year

**Antonella Bitta  
LOTE teacher**

**Sister School Update**

Last week a very unusual package arrived in the mail containing a set of letters from Year 7 students at Xinghai Experimental Middle School. The letters, addressed to individual Year 7 students, contained introductory details from our student counterparts in Shanghai. For some students it was the first time they had received a letter in the post! How times have changed.....

The next stage in the process involves our students sending copies of their Myths and Legends stories to Xinghai for the students to enjoy. Its great to see this new global relationship evolving.

## Year 7: Girls Talk & Boys Talk Program

On Thursday, 6 August the Year 7 students participated in a gender specific program around the theme of Sexual Development and Sexual Health. The performers from Class Act Theatre Company performed their gender specific plays 'Boys Talk' and 'Girls Talk' plays. Students also enjoyed gender specific workshops on Positive Communication Styles, Social Media Etiquette and Sexual Health.

Both performances and the workshop were very well received and the students not only enjoyed them but learned valuable lessons about puberty and its challenges. They especially appreciated the very frank and humorous nature of the productions.

## The Warrandyte Writers Collective

Watch out in the first addition of the Warrandyte Writers Collective Educational Section in this months' Warrandyte Diary. This spread will represent the culmination of several months of collaboration and hard work from The Scribblet group (Barry Carozzi) and Andersons Creek PS and Warrandyte PS. It will be a modest start and we plan for more comprehensive sections and spreads in coming months. ....

## Year 12 Relaxation Sessions

Over the past couple of terms a group of Year 12 student's have been participating on a Tuesday Lunchtime in Relaxation Sessions in the Drama room. We offer guided relaxation, mindfulness meditation, basic massage, breathing exercises and stretching exercises. After our sessions the students all seem to enjoy the chance for a hot chocolate and a chat in the kitchen afterwards. We plan for it to continue til the end of the year. Thanks to Ms Thompson, Ms Na Meadhra, Mrs Martin and Mr Sunjo for helping out. Elaine Burdett

**Natalie Manser**  
Leading Teacher

## Interview with Student

Luke Killey

This week, I managed to catch up with one of our shining lights. Luke Killey. The following is only a small snapshot of a pretty accomplished young man.

**Sunjo:** So Luke. You were presented the "Pierre de Coubertin Award" a few weeks ago at MSAC.

**Luke:** Yes, I'm very proud of this achievement as I have been working towards it for years.

**Sunjo:** So what does the award recognise?

**Luke:** I don't know.....Something sporty?

**Sunjo:** Luckily, I checked. "The Pierre de Coubertin Award recognises secondary school students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through participation in sporting activities."

**Luke:** Wow! Pretty impressive!

**Sunjo:** Yes.,What did you have to do to receive this award?

**Luke:** I was nominated by our school. I had to submit a 250 word literary piece which highlights the values inspired by the Olympic movement. This is an Australia-wide award.

**Sunjo:** Did 'de Coubertin' present the award personally?

**Luke:** No.

**Sunjo:** Poor form! Why not!

**Luke:** Well, he died in 1937.

**Sunjo:** Oh.....I see that Cricket is your passion. Your face seems to be in the local paper more often than Shane Watson gets injured.

**Luke:** Yes. I'm a 'quick' in Warrandyte's team. I also represent our association at cricket tournaments.

**Sunjo:** Very nice! Okay. I know you've been waiting for this question.....Tell me about your miraculous goal in this year's senior soccer tournament.

**Luke:** I thought you'd never ask! Well.... we were playing our mortal sporting enemies "Templestowe College". We were awarded a corner kick. I yelled, "Send it in, Hughey!" Hugh Prescott kicked a magnificent corner. I saw the ball coming. I jumped and perfectly connected with the ball. (Luke saw the ball coming and turned his head to avoid getting hit!). I headed the ball with blistering pace at the goal. (The ball bounced off his noggin and hit the goalie!) It deflected off the goalkeeper who could not control the ball's power. (It bounced off the goalie who knocked it into his goal!). Obviously, I celebrated my goal with vengeance! (Once the shock set in that he actually scored!)

**Sunjo:** What happened during the celebrations?

**Luke:** Well...I ran down the ground shooting my fingers in the air like a cowboy. I ran to you at the halfway line and gave you a hug. I then huddled our team together to celebrate my goal. I then received a yellow card from the referee for 'over-celebrating'. (The referee was laughing his head off!)

**Sunjo:** What a day! I laughed and laughed (So did the Templestowe team!). Well Luke, thank you so much for allowing me to interview you. You have been very chatty and full of information! Just one final question. How's your love life?

**Luke:**.....(silence)

## Hello Everyone

I am at the Kennels recovering from my operation. All is progressing well, I have had my plaster removed but a bandage still remains. I am on pain relief and weekly injections to assist with the healing. The vet checks my leg out twice a week to monitor my recovery.

The staff here are looking after me very well and I stay most days in the office at the vet clinic. I have lots of attention during the day.

It is still too early to know if all is going to be okay and I can remain in the Guide Dog program but I am hoping. Maybe next newsletter I will have more news.

I miss everyone and hope to return as soon as I can

**Quinn**

**Trainee Guide Dog**

**PS** Whilst I am away Weston, a black 5 month old puppy, will be at school for 3 weeks. His family are going overseas for three weeks so Weston needs a temporary home. Please make him feel welcome because I am sure he will be missing his family.





## Introduction to Horticulture

Run in partnership with Edendale, a community farm and environment centre, this 8-week hands-on course will introduce you to a range of topics in the field of horticulture. No prior experience is necessary.

**Monday 24 August – 26 October, 9.30am-1pm**  
- OR -

**Thursday 27 August – 29 October, 1pm - 4.30pm**  
Venue: Edendale, Gastons Road, Eltham

Places in this course are subsidised by the Adult Community and Further Education Board to assist people to make informed career choices and support their return to study.

For more information or to download an enrolment form, visit:

[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)

Living & Learning Nillumbik – Phone 9433 3744

Email: [living.learning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:living.learning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)



## Montsalvat Arts Festival

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Art Demonstrations | Specialty food stalls | & more...

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Adult \$10.00

Concession / Children 5-12 \$5.00

Children under 5 FREE

Limited tickets available, purchase online at  
[www.montsalvat.com.au](http://www.montsalvat.com.au)  
Book now to avoid disappointment  
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## Warrandyte Kinder

# FUNKY BUNCH TRIVIA NIGHT



**SAT AUGUST 15, 7.30pm**



**TICKETS - \$30 per person**

<http://www.trybooking.com/VGOV>



**Warrandyte Tennis Club  
Taroona Ave, Warrandyte**



**Michaela 0413 183 610**

*"Blast FROM The Past"*  
dress code

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## FAST4 TENNIS



### FREE Gala Day - Thurs August 6

Don't know anyone to play with...?? – We will find you a partner ☺

Not available each week...?? – We have a roster ☺

Who will mind the kids...?? – There is a tiny-tots class for ages 2 to 5

Suits all experience levels, WTC Members & Non-members welcome.

**DETAILS:**

Dates: Thurs August 6

Times: 9.30am to 11am (1.5hr)

Cost: FREE

Social: This is not sheep stations – It is FAST4..... ☺

To book your place for the Gala day contact:

Craig Haslam 0488 722 538 or email: [info@thetennisguru.com.au](mailto:info@thetennisguru.com.au)

Full Details at: [www.warrandytetennisclub.org.au](http://www.warrandytetennisclub.org.au)

